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Petaluma Residents Urged to Attend Townhall Water Forum *Flood Protection Efforts, Regulatory Environment to be Discussed*

(Petaluma, CA) - Supervisor Mike Kerns is convening a townhall water forum on Thursday, April 13 at 6:30pm at the Petaluma Community Center to look at untangling the regulatory maze of government agencies involved in the Petaluma watershed.

"The forum is a chance for residents to hear from government agencies about their jurisdiction over aspects of the Petaluma Watershed and ask questions of the agencies directly," said Supervisor Kerns. "I encourage anyone with questions about our watershed to attend this meeting to listen to the information presented and ask questions of the agencies at their booths."

The following government agencies have been invited to speak at the forum: City of Petaluma, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County Transportation and Public Works, Permit and Resource Management, Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District, the Army Corp of Engineers, Fish and Game, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board, NOAA and FEMA. A number of the agencies will have booths with creek and water related materials which will be available to attendees.

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2006

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: City of Petaluma Community Center – 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA

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